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Mike DeWine, *Governor*
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>>> New Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Vendor

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has selected **Ascend Management Innovations, LLC** (Ascend) to complete all Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) level II evaluations of individuals with indication of serious mental illness (SMI) who are seeking admission into or to continue residing in a Medicaid-certified nursing facility (NF). This contract is effective July 1, 2019. Keystone Peer Review Organization, Inc. (KEPRO) will continue completing PASRR level II evaluations through June 30, 2019. Watch for announcements with further details prior to that date to ensure a seamless transition between the vendors. If you have questions or would like more information, please submit your inquiries to MHAS-PASRR-Operations@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> Ohio Behavioral Health Workforce Recruitment and Retention Learning Collaborative

OhioMHAS, in collaboration with the Great Lakes Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) & Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, are pleased to announce the **Ohio Behavioral Health Workforce Recruitment and Retention Learning Collaborative**. This effort will assist behavioral health organizations in addressing their recruitment and retention challenges. The Great Lakes ATTC and MHTTC are offering technical assistance through a three-month Learning Collaborative. Space is available for 10 organizations to participate. Organizations that apply and are selected to participate will each create a small Change Management Team for this initiative. All teams will participate in a one-day meeting of the Learning Collaborative and receive:

- (1) information on best practices in recruitment and retention,
- (2) technical assistance on developing a recruitment and retention plan for their organizations, and
- (3) guidance on managing the change process in their organizations.

After the meeting, teams will return to their organizations to develop their recruitment and retention plans, and then implement their plans with ongoing technical assistance from the Learning Collaborative leader, delivered through a series of three 90-minute teleconference calls. View a recorded informational webinar [HERE](#). The deadline to [apply](#) to be part of the Learning Collaborative is **April 19**. There will be a one-day face-to-face meeting for accepted organizations on May 16. There is no fee for organizations to participate in the Learning Collaborative. Organizations are responsible for covering the cost of travel for their teams to attend a one-day meeting. For more information, contact Alfredo Cerrato at alfredo.cerrato@wisc.edu.

>>> EDIP Fiscal Year Closure

OhioMHAS has allocated \$195,679 for SFY 2019 [Driver Intervention Program](#) (DIP) reimbursement. As of April 1, the funding has a remaining balance of **\$44,812.84** available for further distribution. OhioMHAS is forced to terminate the reimbursement process due to exhaustion of funds. **No further reimbursement requests will be accepted after May 7, 2019.** The DIP reimbursement program will continue in SFY 2020 for programs that occur after July 1, 2019. If you have questions, please contact Jim Lapczynski at 614.728.5599 or james.lapczynski@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> Collaborating with the Firearm Community Webinar – April 23

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation will host its next Lunch-n-Learn webinar “Collaborating with the Firearm Community” on April 23 from noon-1 p.m. Guest presenter Dean Rick, executive director of the Buckeye Firearms Association will provide a deeper understanding of the firearm community culture and insight for engaging with the firearm community in suicide prevention. Click [HERE](#) to register. For more information, please contact Austin Lucas at 614.429.1528 or Austin.lucas@ohiospf.org.

>>> Trauma-Informed Care in Early Childhood Regional Trainings

Understanding the role of trauma informed care in early childhood is vital to children and families. By becoming “trauma-informed” professionals will recognize that people have often experienced many different types of trauma. Those who have been traumatized benefit from support and understanding from those around them. This professional development opportunity is focused on educating communities and professionals about the long-lasting impact of trauma. A series of five, free trainings on Trauma-Informed Care in Early Childhood have been planned. Visit occrra.org to register using the codes below. For more information, please contact Heidi Preast at 740.589.5132 or Heidi.Preast@hopewellhealth.org.

April 19-20 –Cincinnati Day 1 code: ST#10080604 | Day 2 code: ST#10080609

April 26-27 –Columbus Day 1 code: ST#10080694 | Day 2 code: ST#10080696

April 29-30 –Yellow Springs Day 1 code: ST#10080603 | Day 2 code: ST#10080608

May 9-10 –Youngstown Day 1 code: ST#10080695 Day 2 code: ST#100870698

May 11 –Toledo

>>> Upcoming Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk (AMSR) Trainings

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation has added two **Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk** trainings in May. These workshops are designed to train behavioral health professionals (and other relevant professionals) in how to recognize and assess suicide risk, plan for client safety and manage the ongoing care of at-risk youth and young adults ages 10-24. Dates/locations include: May 7 – Mentor and May 30 – Tiffin. Click [HERE](#) to view a complete schedule of trainings and to register. For more information, please contact Austin Lucas at 614.429.1528 or Austin.lucas@ohiospf.org.

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4.9.19 | *The Daily Advocate* [Darke County ‘We Are the Majority’ to celebrate Global Day of Service this weekend](#)

4.9.19 | *WTTE-TV* [Lawmakers proposing bill legalizing sports betting](#)

4.9.19 | *WVXU 91.7* [Report: Opioid prescriptions in Ohio Down, Meth availability up](#)

4.8.19 | *WOSU 89.7* [What Happens in the Brain of Overdose Survivors? Researchers Search for Answers](#)

4.8.19 | *ScienceDaily* [New intervention doubles quit rate among smokers with severe mental illness](#)

4.8.19 | *Portsmouth Daily Times* [Ohio University gains \\$1.1M grant to fight opioid addiction](#)

4.8.19 | *WTOV-TV* [‘Jerry’s Walk’ to shine light on suicide awareness](#)

4.8.19 | *Zanesville Times-Recorder* [Do you know the warning signs of teen drug use?](#)

4.8.19 | *Chillicothe Gazette* [Community leaders come together for opioid education](#)

4.7.19 | *WRGT-TV* [Adult Recovery Prom, addicts relearning how to have sober fun](#)

4.6.19 | *Hamilton Journal-News* [Behind the scenes: How Butler County teams help overdose victims find needed help](#)

4.6.19 | *Warren Tribune-Chronicle* [Officials collect 164 lbs. of prescription medicines](#)

4.5.19 | *WTTE-TV* [Central Ohio drug treatment facility hopes to save lives](#)

4.4.19 | *GMA.com* [This teacher created a mental health check-in chart for her students and now teachers around the world are doing the same](#)

3.27.19 | *NBC News* [Suicide after surviving mass trauma isn’t inexplicable. And there are ways to help.](#)

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